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STORAGE REGIONS AND  
PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE  
METHOD BASED ON HINTS,  
STORAGE DEVICE AND  
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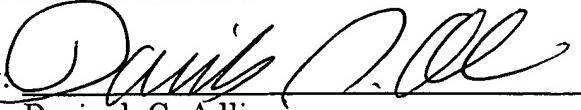
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